

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF FARMERS	)	
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	)	
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL	)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES PURSUANT TO	)	2023-00158
STREAMLINED PROCEDURE PILOT	)	
PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN CASE NO. 2018-	)	
00407	)	

ORDER

On June 16, 2023, Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative (Farmers RECC), pursuant to the amended streamlined procedure established in Case No. 2018-00407,<sup>1</sup> filed an application seeking a general adjustment in its rates. On June 30, 2023, the Commission issued an Order finding Farmers RECC's application filing deficient and outlined supplemental information that needed to be filed in order for the filing to be accepted. On July 3, 2023, Farmers RECC filed a response, with supplemental information, to the Commission's June 30, 2023 deficiency Order.

Under the procedure established in Case No. 2018-00407,<sup>2</sup> the Commission finds that the application does not meet the standards for the streamlined procedure and should not be accepted for filing. Based on the requirements of the streamlined rate procedure,<sup>3</sup> the Commission finds that the application should not be processed under this procedure

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2018-00407, *A Review of the Rate Case Procedure for Electric Distribution Cooperatives* (Ky. PSC Dec. 20, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2018-00407, Dec. 20, 2019 Order, Appendix A, Section B at 1–2.

<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2018-00407, Dec. 20, 2019 Order, Appendix A.

until the following deficiencies are corrected and the missing information necessary to process the application, pursuant to the streamlined procedure, is supplemented.

- Appendix A, Section D, 4(k): The application shall include the Distribution Cooperative's TIER, OTIER, and debt service coverage ratio, as calculated by RUS, for the test year and the five most recent calendar years, including the data used to calculate each ratio.
  - Farmers RECC failed to include the data used to calculate each ratio.<sup>4</sup>

Farmers RECC initially failed to include the data used to calculate each ratio. The supplemental filing provided a written description of how the metric works and RUS figures that do not meet the requirement, but the calculation of the metrics was not provided.

The 75-day period for the Commission to enter a final Order in this case will begin once all application materials have been filed and accepted.

The Commission directs Farmers RECC to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>5</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

Farmers RECC's application is deemed deficient, and therefore Farmers RECC shall not be granted a deviation from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 12(1)(a) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16(1)(b)(2), (4)(j)–(s), 4(v), and 5(b)–(d), until they provide the data used to calculate each ratio.

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<sup>4</sup> June 30, 2023 Order at 2.

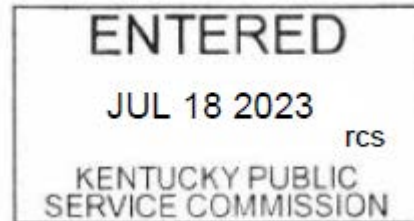
<sup>5</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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